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**A Declaration and Proclamation of the  
Lords and Commons in Parliament to this  
Kingdome, and to the whole World.**

Wherein (amongst divers of His Majesties late illegall  
proceedings) is discovered, how severall Commissions  
under the Kings Authority have been granted to  
many profest Papiſts (herein nominated) for  
places of command in this War, with pow-  
er to raise men and armes, which in sundry  
places they have performed.

Also how Sir *John Hinderſon*, and Colonnell *Cockram*,  
were sent to *Hamburg* and *Denmark*, to raise Forces  
and in other forraigne parts to bring into this  
KINGDOM.

With the names of some who have beene proclaimed  
Rebels in Ireland, now in great favour with his  
Majesties. For which and other reasons they are resolved to the  
uttermoſt of their power, with the hazard of their lives  
and fortunes to defend the Truth, against the  
Popish Army, and all that shall joyn  
with them in the prosecution  
of this wicked designe.

Also, an Order of both Houses of Parliament, for the placing of  
Courts of Guard, Posts, Bars and Chains, in all by-Lanes or severall

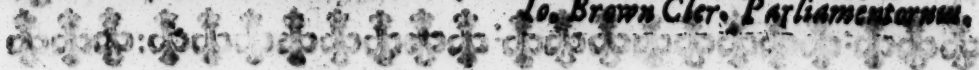
**Die Sabbathi 22. Octobris 1642.**  
Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament  
That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and published  
and be read to all Churches and Chappels within the Kingdom  
of England and Dominion of Wales, by the Parsons, Rectors, Cur-  
ates or other persons.

London Printed for F. Coles, and J. W. at the Signe of the  
Three Kings.



It is this day ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament; That houses for Courts of Guard, and Posts, Bars, and chaines, be forthwith erected and set up in such places and by-Lanes of the Parishes of *S. Margarets Westminster, S. Martins in the fields* (in the confines of *Westminster, S. Clements Danes, S. Mary Savoy, S. Andrewes Holborne, S. Giles in the fields, Covent-Garden, S. John-street, S. James at Clerkenwell, S. Giles Cripplegate, Shorditch, White-Chappell, Islington, Mile-end, Southwarke, Lambeth*, or any other place or places, as shall be thought necessary and convanient for the defence and safe guarding of the said Parishes, places and by-Lanes, the charge thereof to be borne by the inhabitants of the severall Parishes aforesaid respectively, who shall be rated and assessed by such persons respectively, as the Lord Lievtenant of that Courty or any two of his Deputies shall nominate for that purpose. And if any shall refuse to contribute their proportion, then the said persons so to be named to rate and asseesse, shall certifie the names of such refusers to the Lord-Lieutenant, or any two of his Deputies, who are to acquaint one or both Houses of Parliament therewith, that such further order may be taken therein as to them shall be thought most convenient; And that a competent number of the Trained-bands and Companies of Volunteers in and belonging to the said Parishes, shall day and night attend with their Armes in or neer the said Court of Guard; who shall have power and authourity hereby to apprehend, seize and arrest all suspicious persons, Ammunition and Armes, passing through the said Parishes, places, or by-Lanes, or any part of them, untill either of the said Houses of Parliament be made acquainted therewith, and their pleasure be further known concerning the same; And the Captains and Officers of the Trained-Bands and Volunteers. And the persons here under named are required to take care that the premises be carefully performed accordingly, which persons are to be named by the Lord Lievtenant, or any two or more of his Deputy-Lieutenants.

*Jo. Brown Cler. Parliamentarium.*







## A Declaration and Protestation of the Lords and Commons Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

**V** E the Lords and Commons, in this present Parliame<sup>n</sup>t assembled, do in the presence of Almighty God, for the satisfaction of our Consciences, and discharge of that great trust which lyes upon us, make this protestation and Declaration to this Kingdome and Nation, and to the whole world, that no private passion or respect, no evill intention to his Majesties person, no designe to the prejudice of his just honour and authority, engaged us to raise Forces and take up armes against the authors of this War, wherewith the Kingdome is now inflamed.

And we have alwayes desired from our hearts and soules, manifested in our actions and proceedings, and in severall humble Petitions and Remonstrances to his Majesty, professed our loyalty and obedience to his Crown, readinesse and resolution to defend his person and support his estate with our lives and fortunes to the uttermost of our power.

That we have been willing to passe by, not onely those Injuries, Ignominies, Slanders, and false Accusations, wherewith we have been privately oppressed and grieved, but likewise many publike inroachments, and high usurpations, to the prejudice of Religion and Liberty, divers bloudy, trayterous and cruell practises and designes, for the utter ruine and destruction of the Church and State, so as we might for the time to come have been secured from that wicked and malignant party, those pernicious and Trayterous Counsels, who have beene the Authours and fomentors

of the former mischiefs and present calamities which have and still doe distemper this Church and State.

That for the same purpose, and for the avoyding of blood we directed the Earle of *Essex* Lord Generall by himselfe, or others in some safe and honourable way to cause to be delivered an humble Petition, wherein we doe desire nothing from His Majesty but that he would return in peace to his Parliament, and by their faithfull counsell and advice compose the distemper, and confusions abounding in his Kingdomes, as he is bound to doe, we therein professe in the sight of Almighty God, which is the strongest obligation that any Christian, and the most solemne publike faith which any such State as a Parliament can give, that we would receive him with all honour, yeeld him all true obedience and subjection, and faithfully endeavour to defend his person and estate from all danger, and to the uttermost of our power to establish to him and to his people, all the blessings of a glorious and happy Raigne, as it is more largely exprest in that Petition.

For the delivery of which Petition, his Excellency hath twice sent unto the King, humbly desiring a safe conduct for those who should be imployed therein, but his Majesty refused to give any such safe conduct, or to receive this humble and dutifull Petition, by any addresse from the Earle of *Essex*, saying that if Justice had beene done, the Gentleman which brought the second Message could not expect his liberty.

By all which and many other evidences and inducements, we are fully convinced in our judgements and beleefe, that the Kings counsels and resolutions are so engaged to the Popish party, for the suppression and extirpation of the true Religion, that all hopes of peace and protection are excluded, and that it is fully intended to give satisfaction, and to the Papists by alteration of Religion, and to the Cavaliers and other



other Souldiers, by exposing the wealth of the good subjects, especially of this City of *London*, to be sackt, plundered, and spoyled by them.

That for the better effecting hereof, great numbers of *Papists* have in shew conformed themselves to the Protestant Religion, by coming to the Church, receiving the Sacrament, and taking the oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, which some of their owne Priests have encouraged them to doe, by maintaining that they might doe all those things and yet continue good Catholics: Under which cover his Majesty did at first begin to strengthen himselfe, those of that Religion being weake, and unable to endure the envy and discontent which the arming of the *Papists* would procure in the Kingdome, and therefore endeavored to keepe off all Jealousies and suspitions by many fearefull oathes and imprecations, concerning his purpose of maintaining the Protestant Religion and the Lawes of the Kingdome; causing some profest *Papists* to be discharged out of his Army, and none to be received that would not indure the Test of commidg to Church, receiving the Sacrament, and taking the oathes of Allegiance.

That his Majesty being now growne stronger, and able as he conceives to make good his owne ends by Armes, his confidence in the Priests doth more clearly appeare persons imprisoned for Priests and Jesuits have been released out of the Isle of *Launcester*, profest *Papists* have been invited to rise and take up Armes; Commissions under his Majesties Authority, have been granted to many of them for places of command in this warre, with power to raise men and great numbers have been raised by them, and they dayly encrease, as namely to Sir *Nicolas Thormon* Sir *Tho. Howard* Bar. Sir *Edward Widdington*, Sir *William Kiddell*, Master *Smith*, of *Ash*, Master *George Wray*, Master *Edward Gray*, of *Morpeth* Castle, Master *Lincolne Errington*, of *Denico*, Master *Lancelot*

*Holtby*, all of Northumberland, Bishopricke of Dutham and New-Castle, to Master *Clifton*, Master *William Walter*, Sir *William Gerrard*, Baronet, Sir *Cicill Trafford*, Master *Anderson* of Lofstocke in the County of Lancaster, and divers Forces are raised and payed by the Earle of Worcester, and his son the Lord *Herbert*, and as we are informed by an expresse messenger sent from those parts, the said Lord *Herbert*, a notorious Papist, is made Generall of all South-Wales; and we are further informed out of Yorke-shire, by divers persons of great worth and quality, that those that raise Forces in these parts for His Majesty, doe arme and imploy Papists, and use their advice in their consultations, all which is contrary to the solemne oaths, Protestations and execrations, whereby His Majesty bound himselfe to maintaine the Protestant Religion, and the Lawes of the Land, by which he endeavoured to get a confidence in the people of his good intentions, which how well it is answered, we leave to the world to judge.

That Sir *John Hinderson*, and Colonell *Cockrom*, men of ill report both for Religion and honesty, sent to Hamburg and Denmarke, as we are credibly informed, to raise Forces there, and to bring them to New-Castle, and to joyn with the Earle of New-Castle, & the army of Papists, which they intend to raise there, and that divers endeavours have bin used in other forrain parts to bring in strange Forces into the Kingdome, that the K. hath received about him divers Papists of Ireland, some of which are indited of high Treason for their Rebellion there, notoriously known to have been in actuall rebellion, as namely the *L. Raffe*, Sir *John Oungane* proclaimed a Rebel, Colo. *Kirz Williams*, Doctor *Meara* indited for the rebellion in Ireland, and fled for the same, and yet appointed Physitian to Prince *Rupert*, and that His Majesty hath sent for the Petition of the Irish Rebels, which the Justices had stopp'd, with evident expression of favour to them, whereby that Kingdome is like to become an unfit habitation of any Protestants, and a  
seminary



seminary of war and treason against this Kingdome.

That divers English Traytors, actors in the former designs against the Kingdome and Parliament, are the chiefe Counsellors and actors in this unnaturall warre against his Subjects, as the Lord *Digby*, *Oncle*, *Wilmot*, *Pollard*, *Ashburnham* and others.

That we have been likewise credibly informed, that diverse Jesuites and Priests in forreigne parts, make great collections of money, for reliefe of the Papists in Ireland, and the furthering of His Majesties designs here against the Parliament, and that by them and some others, fled out of this Kingdome for Treason; great meanes are made to take up the differences betwixt some Princes of the Romane Religion, that so they might unite their strength, for the extirpation of he protestant Religion, wherein principally this Kingdome, and the Kingdome of Scotland are concerned, as making the greatest Body of the Reformed Religion in Christendome, and best able to defend themselves, and succour other Churches.

For all which reasons we are resolved to enter into a solemne Oath and Covenant with God, to give up our selves, our Lives and Fortunes into his hands, and that we will to the uttermost of our power and judgement maintaine his truth, and conforme our selves to his will. That we will defend this cause with the hazard of our lives, against the Kings Army, and against all that shall joyne with them in the prosecution of this wicked designe, according to the forme to be agreed upon by both Houses of Parliament, to be subscribed by our hands, and that we will for the same ends associate our selves, and unite with all the well affected in the City of London, and other parts of His Majesties Dominions.

That we expect our Brethren of Scotland, according to the act of pacification, whereby the two Kingdomes are mutually bound to suppress all debates and differences, to the disturbance

vance of the publike peace, that they will help and assist us in defence of the Cause, which if the Popish party prevaile, must needs either involve them in that alteration of Religion which will be made here, or ingage them in a War against this kingdome, to defend their own Religion and liberty: And we doubt not but the God of truth, and the great protector of his people, will assist and enable us in this our just defence, to restrain the malice and fury of those that seeke our ruine, and to secure the persons, estates, and liberties of all that joyne with us: And to procure and establish the safety of Religion, and fruition of our Lawes and Liberties, in this and all other His Majesties Dominions, which we doe here againe professe before the ever-living God, to be the chief end of all our Counsels and Resolutions, without any intention or desire to hurt or injure His Majesty, either in His Person or just Power.

*Die Luna, 24. October 1642.*

**I**T is this Day Ordered by the Lords and Commons, That all People within the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Priviledged Places, Liberties and Suburbs thereof, and in the Borough of Southwarke be required to shut up their Shops, and forbear their Trades, and other ordinary Imployments, that so they may with the greater diligence and freedome for the present attend the defence of the said places, and put in Execution, and performe such Commands for the Defence and safety thereof, as they shall from time to time receive from both Houses of Parliament; the Committee for the defence of the Kingdoms, the Lord Generall, or the Lord Maior and Committee for the Militia.

*Lab. Browne Cler. Parl.*

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